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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF ARTICLE SUMMARIZED IN REFTEL.
2. BEGIN TEXT: CASTING A SHADOW ON A BRIGHT DAY BY V. MATVEYEV.
3. THE AFRICAN CONTINENT IS NOT EXEMPT FROM SIGNIFICANT TRANSFORMATIONS IN THE SOCIAL AND POLITICAL MAKEUP OF OUR PLANET, SIGNIFYING A BREAK WITH THE OLD, ROTTEN ORDER AND A CONSOLIDATION OF THE NEW. CERTAINLY, THIS PROCESS IS ACCOMPANIED WITH AN INTENSIVE STRUGGLE BOTH IN THESE COUNTRIES AND IN THE INTERNATIONAL ARENA. PARTICULAR ATTENTION OF THE WORLD IS NOW BEING FOCUSED ON THE SITUATION IN THE SOUTH OF AFRICA, WHERE THE RACIST REGIMES OF SOUTH AFRICA AND RHODESIA, FACING INTENSIFICATION AND ESCALATION OF

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NATIONAL-LIBERATION STRUGGLES, RESORT TO EVER MORE BRUTAL INTERNAL REPRESSIONS AND TO GROSS ACTS OF ARMED AGGRESSION AGAINST NEIGHBORING AFRICAN COUNTRIES. THE LATEST FACT OF THIS KIND IS A MASS ATTACK BY SOUTH AFRICAN TROOPS INTO THE SOUTHERN REGIONS OF ANGOLA THAT LED TO MUCH LOSS OF LIFE AMONG THE PEACEFUL POPULATION.

4. WHILE AN OVERWHELMING MAJORITY OF GOVERNMENTS OF THE UN MEMBER NATIONS RESOLUTELY CONDEMNED THIS ACT OF PIRACY AND DEMANDED IMMEDIATE SANCTIONS AGAINST THE IMPUDENT RACISTS, THE US PRESIDENT DID NOT FIND ANYTHING BETTER THAN TO MAKE A SPEECH IN SPOKANE, WASHINGTON, ON MAY 5, CONTAINING SLANDEROUS ATTACKS AGAINST THE SOVIET UNION IN CONNECTION WITH THE PRESENT-DAY SITUATION ON THE AFRICAN CONTINENT. HE WENT AS FAR AS TO SAY THAT "RACIAL PREJUDICE" ALLEGEDLY EXISTS IN THE SOVIET UNION.

5. IT IS PROPER TO ASK, IS J. CARTER NOT TRYING IN THIS WAY TO DIVERT THE ATTENTION OF THE AMERICAN PUBLIC FROM THE OUTRAGEOUS ACTIVITIES OF THE SOUTH AFRICAN GOVERNMENT, ENVELOPING THEM IN A THICK SMOKE SCREEN?

6. THE QUESTION IS EVEN MORE REASONABLE IN THAT A YEAR AGO, IN APRIL 1977, THE SAME HIGH-LEVEL SPEAKER MADE FAVORABLE REMARKS ABOUT PRETORIA'S RACIST REGIME, ALLEGING THAT "THE SOUTH AFRICAN" GOVERNMENT, TO A LARGE EXTENT, IS A STABILIZING FACTOR IN THE SOUTHERN PART OF THE AFRICAN CONTINENT AND IT IS TO PLAY AN IMPORTANT ROLE IN THE PEACEFUL SETTLEMENT OF THE PROBLEMS OF RHODESIA AND NAMIBIA." IT IS TRUE, LATER THE US PRESIDENT VENTURED TO MAKE SOME CRITICAL REMARKS ABOUT THE POLICY OF THE RACIST REGIME OF SOUTH AFRICA, DEPICTING HIS ADMINISTRATION IN THE EYES OF AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES AS A

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SUPPORTER OF EQUALITY AND FREEDOM EVERYWHERE, INCLUDING IN SOUTHERN AFRICA.

7. AS A SAYING GOES, ONE CANNOT FEED A NIGHTINGALE WITH A FAIRY TALE. THE PEOPLES TO WHOM THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT HAS LATELY BEEN APPEALING SO PERSISTENTLY, JUDGE BY DEEDS AND NOT WORDS. AND WHAT ARE THE DEEDS OF THE US IN AFRICA? WHILE THE DWELLER OF THE WHITE HOUSE BOTH DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO SOME AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND ON OTHER OCCASIONS WAS SPEAKING IN PRETTY PHRASES EVERYWHERE ABOUT HUMANISM, JUSTICE AND EQUALITY, HIS CLOSEST COLLEAGUES IN WASHINGTON SPOKE ABOUT THE US GOALS IN AFRICA IN A FAR MORE PROSAIC LANGUAGE. HERE IS WHAT, FOR INSTANCE, WAS SAID IN THE ADDRESS OF SECRETARY OF DEFENSE BROWN TO THE CONGRESS IN 1977, THAT IS, WHILE CARTER WAS IN OFFICE: THE HUGE CONTINENT OF AFRICA DESERVES ATTENTION NOT ONLY DUE TO ITS STRATEGICALLY IMPORTANT GEOGRAPHICAL POSITION BUT ALSO BECAUSE OF ITS GROWING VALUE AS A SOURCE OF RAW MATERIALS...SECURING AN ACCESS TO AFRICAN RAW MATERIALS IS ACQUIRING A GROWING IMPORTANCE FOR THE US...TO ACCOMPLISH THESE TASKS, IT IS DESIRABLE FOR US ARMED FORCES TO HAVE THE RIGHT OF ACCESS TO CERTAIN INSTALLATIONS AND TO

MAKE PORT CALLS.

8. NATURALLY, IN THE ABOVE-MENTIONED SPEECH THE US PRESIDENT CAUTIOUSLY AVOIDED USING SUCH NOTIONS WHILE REFERRING TO AMERICAN POLICY IN AFRICA. HE WAS DOING HIS BEST TO PRESENT HIS GOVERNMENT AS AN ARDENT CHAMPION OF THE DESTINIES OF THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES. BUT OF WHAT VALUE IS ELOQUENCE WHEN THE SAME SPEAKER TRIES AGAIN AND AGAIN TO ASSUME THE POSE OF AN ARBITER AND MEDIATOR IN RELATIONS AMONG THE AFRICAN PEOPLES, ADDRESSING THEM WITH "WARNINGS" AGAINST "A COMMUNIST AND ATHEIST STATE"--THAT IS AGAINST OUR COUNTRY*

9. IT IS NOT SURPRISING THAT J. CARTER IS SO ATTACHED TO
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THE SYSTEM AND THE WAY OF LIFE IN THE US. WHAT IS SURPRISING IS THAT HE, DISREGARDING ELEMENTARY ETHICS AND THE WELL KNOWN FACTS OF REALITY IN THE US, DOES NOT HESITATE TO THRUST ON THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES AND PEOPLES THE AMERICAN WAY OF LIFE AS A "MODEL". IT APPEARS THAT IN THE UNITED STATES "THEY HAVE LEARNED HOW WHITE AND BLACK

SHOULD LIFE SIDE BY SIDE". IT APPEARS ALSO THAT "IN AFRICA THE US APPROACH IS HIGHLY APPRECIATED BY ALL." OBVIOUSLY, THOSE IN HIGH PLACES IN WASHINGTON SEE NOTHING WRONG IN ATTEMPTING TO SPEAK IN THE NAME OF OTHERS--IN THIS CASE IN THE NAME OF THE AFRICAN PEOPLES.

10. LET'S SEE, HOWEVER, WHAT IS WRITTEN AND WHAT IS SPOKEN IN THE AFRICAN COUNTRIES THEMSELVES, AND PRECISELY IN THOSE COUNTRIES WITH WHICH THE UNITED STATES IS SEEKING TO MAINTAIN CLOSE LINKS. THUS, THE KENYAN NEWSPAPER "STANDARD" RECENTLY WROTE THAT PRESIDENT JAMES CARTER, EXPRESSING ANXIETY OVER THE PRESENCE OF CUBANS IN AFRICA, MENTIONED NO WORD ABOUT 1,500 AMERICAN MERCENARIES WHO ARE ACTING ON THE SIDE OF SMITH. HE DID NOT RPT NOT MENTION EITHER THAT THE AMERICAN TROOPS ARE SCATTERED IN THE UNCLASSIFIED

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WHOLE WORLD--IN WESTERN EUROPE, TURKEY, TAIWAN, SOUTH KOREA, PANAMA, ETC.

11. THESE ARE FACTS. AND WHAT DOES WASHINGTON PUT UP AGAINST THESE FACTS? DEMAGOGY AND SLANDER. DEMAGOGY ON "RACIAL HARMONY" ALLEGEDLY ATTAINED IN THE UNITED STATES; SLANDER AGAINST THE USSR AND OTHER SOCIALIST COUNTRIES. BOTH ARE UTTERLY GROUNDLESS AND HOLD NO RPT NO WATER. WHO WILL BELIEVE THAT RACIAL DISCRIMINATION AND OPPRESSION IN THE UNITED STATES ARE ALREADY THINGS OF THE PAST AND THAT HARMONY NOW REIGNS THERE IN THIS REGARD? MORE TO THE POINT, CARTER HIMSELF SPOKE MUCH ON THIS TOPIC IN THE COURSE OF HIS ELECTION CAMPAIGN IN A BID TO WIN VOTES OF MILLIONS OF AMERICAN NEGROES. BUT THE CANDIDATE THEN FOUND HIMSELF IN THE WHITE HOUSE, AND HIS PROMISES REMAIN JUST PROMISES. SPOKESMEN FOR MANY ORGANIZATIONS IN THE US, FIGHTING FOR CIVIL RIGHTS AND AGAINST RACISM, NOWADAYS EXPRESS THEIR OPEN DISSAPPOINTMENT OVER THE ABSENCE OF ANY POSITIVE MOVES IN THIS AREA. IN THE PRESIDENT'S EXTENSIVE STATE OF THE UNION MESSAGE TO THE CONGRESS, DATED JANUARY 19 OF THIS YEAR, THERE WAS ONLY ONE SHORT AND UNSPECIFIC PARAGRAPH ON THIS PROBLEM, WHICH IS A BURNING ISSUE FOR MANY AMERICANS. THE HOUSE REPUBLICAN LEADER J. RHODES, POINTED OUT LAST OCTOBER THAT "OVER 40 PER CENT OF BLACK YOUTH AGED 16 TO 24 CANNOT FIND JOBS. THIS IS AN EXPLOSIVE WHICH COULD SHATTER SOCIETY."

12. THIS IS "RACIAL HARMONY" IN THE US IN REALITY AND IN PRACTICE. BEN CHAVIS, A PRIEST, CAN BE SENTENCED TO 34 YEARS IN PRISON ALONG WITH HIS COMRADES FOR FIGHTING AGAINST RACISM, BUT LT. WILLIAM CALLEY IS FREE AFTER HAVING PLEADED GUILTY IN THE MURDER OF ABOUT 22 VIETNAMESE WOMEN AND CHILDREN AND RECEIVED, BY THE WAY, MORAL SUPPORT

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FROM THE THEN GOVERNOR OF GEORGIA.

13. RACIAL PREJUDICE...THE US PRESIDENT IS TALKING ABOUT THIS, POINTING AT OTHER COUNTRIES AND AT OUR COUNTRY. WHAT A BLASPHEMY* FRIENDSHIP OF THE PEOPLES OF THE USSR HAS BEEN TESTED BY TIME. INNUMERABLE ARE THE EXAMPLES OF ITS STRENGTH AND UNSHAKABILITY. IT SHATTERED THE HOPES OF THE FASCIST INVADERS AND THE WORLD IMPERIALISTS FOR THE REVIVAL OF INTERNAL STRIFE (MEZHDOUSOBETS) AND THE COLLAPSE OF THE MULTI-NATIONAL SOCIALIST STATE. IN SOVIET SOCIETY INTERNATIONALISM HAS TURNED FROM AN IDEAL OF A GROUP OF COMMUNISTS INTO DEEP CONVICTION AND A NORM OF LIFE FOR MILLIONS AND MILLIONS OF SOVIET PEOPLE OF ALL NATIONS AND NATIONALITIES.

14. THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT IS TRYING TO PRESENT THE US AS SOME KIND OF "MODEL" OF A SOLUTION OF THE NATIONAL QUESTION, AND TO CAST ASPERSIONS UPON OUR COUNTRY. THIS DOUBLE APPROACH, IF ONE MAY CALL IT THIS, CAN TESTIFY ONLY TO ONE THING: THE AFFAIRS OF SUCH COUNTRIES AS THE US ARE CLEARLY UNIMPORTANT ON THE CONTINENTS WHERE NOT SO LONG AGO THEY FELT THEMSELVES COMPLETE MASTERS.

15. SUCH TIMES HAVE GONE, NEVER TO RETURN. NO MATTER HOW MUCH THOSE WHO YEARN FOR THOSE TIMES MAY BE ANNOYED AND MAY THRASH ABOUT. END TEST. TOON

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